

CITY INTELLIGENCE

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of St. George's M. E. Church—interesting news this morning.

St. George's M. E. Church, on Fourth street, near New, celebrates its one hundredth anniversary. This is an event interesting to all classes of Methodists on account of the relation which this church holds to nearly all the other churches in the city, it being in reality the mother church of them all.

The church has been gaily decorated in honor of the occasion. Flowers and inscriptions in great profusion help to give a festive air to the building. The pulpit is adorned with evergreens and a handsome banner holds to nearly all the other churches in the city, it being in reality the mother church of them all.

The exercises commenced with the singing of a hymn written for the centennial celebration by James Nicholson. A prayer was then offered by Rev. Bartholomew Weed, followed by the Lord's Prayer by the congregation.

Another original hymn by Miss Fanny Crosby, entitled "Thou Sovereign Lord of Earth and Sea," was then sung. The congregation united in the singing with the pastor.

Bishop Simpson then spoke a few words of greeting to the members of St. George's. He spoke of it as being the oldest and healthiest of churches in the city, and as the mother church of them all.

The present pastor gave an outline of the church's history, the fact that it was the first church in the city, and that it was the mother church of them all.

Another original hymn by James Nicholson was then sung. Addresses were then made by the different former pastors of the church, in the order of the date of their service.

A letter from the Rev. J. Hoidich, the first of these, was read, regretting his inability to be present on the occasion.

Bishop Scott was the next in order, but was unable to be present at the morning session, on account of his being in the city of Reading.

Rev. T. J. Thompson, the third, took charge of the church in 1828. He had just returned from the ministry. He spoke of the history of the congregation during his pastorate, and of the many incidents which have occurred in its history.

Rev. Bartholomew Weed took charge in the years 1828 and 1830, in connection with Rev. Levi Scott and Rev. Andrew Johnson. He spoke of the many incidents which have occurred in its history.

Rev. Anthony Atwood spoke of the great Calvine controversy which broke out in 1837, and of the many incidents which have occurred in its history.

Rev. E. Hodgson recalled the opposition to the church on account of its shouting qualities. There were popular superstitions about the church, and the shouting was considered a wonderful long meeting.

At the end of the morning session a fine bouquet was presented to Father Boehm by the infant school of the church.

PRISON REFORM

An Important Movement—Meeting of Eastern Philanthropists in New York Last Evening—They Resolved to Hold a National Congress in Philadelphia.

The proposal to hold an International Congress on Prison Discipline, and to urge upon the different governments a more humane system in the treatment of convicts, was brought before a joint committee at a meeting held in New York city last evening.

The committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—James J. Barclay, Hon. Joseph P. Chadler, and Dr. A. J. Dart, of the Philadelphia Prison Society, and Theodore Dwight, Dr. Francis Lieber and Dr. Wines, of the New York Prison Association.

Mr. Barclay, of this city, presided over the deliberations of the committee. A resolution offered by Dr. Wines was adopted, calling for a national congress as a preliminary to the approaching International Congress, the Congress to be composed of first, governments of States, or those whom they may commission to represent them.

The committee will meet again on the 10th inst. at 10 o'clock, to consider the National Convention to be held in Philadelphia, on the 12th Tuesday of October, 1876.

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Mr. Walter Crofton, of London; Florence Nightingale, of the Imperial Court of Paris, and other distinguished names, were named as members of the committee.

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FIRE IN THE FIFTH WARD.

Bold Attempt at Incendiarism—Loss, \$10,000. About half-past 10 o'clock this morning the workmen employed in the fourth-story of the cabinet-ware manufactory of Joseph Walton & Co., No. 413 Walnut street, discovered fire amongst some rubbish lying near the building.

The alarm was given, and the firemen, who were on duty, proceeded to extinguish it. It was not long before the fire was under control, and the firemen, who were on duty, proceeded to extinguish it.

The loss was estimated at \$10,000. The damage by fire was but trifling. The building is insured by the Pennsylvania Fire Association, and the stock is fully insured in the Pennsylvania, Locomotive Mutual, and Fire Association.

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THE UNVEILING.

The Monument at Girard College—The Ceremonies Attending the Unveiling—Addresses of Charles E. Lox, Esq., D. Kane, E. L. O'Donnell, Esq., and William E. Littleton, Esq.

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